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- Serious discrepancies have arisen between Dr. Josef Wirth and his contacts in East Berlin. The Deutsche Sammlung, which Wirth organized in West Germany, has been supplied with money by an East German fund which is administered by Franz Dahlem. Wirth had promised Dahlem and Karl Schirdewan, who head the "Sammlung Department" in East Germany, that by the end of 1952 he would weld into a firm militant organization all bourgeois groups in West Germany who are against the ratification of the Contractual Agreements for religious, racial or conservative-political reasons. It is alleged that the Deutsche Sammlung received for this task, which was to take three months, 500,000 DM besides the pamphlets and brochures which were delivered directly from East Germany.
- The Deutsche Sammlung has expanded very little and still consists of a directorate, which includes Wirth, Wilhelm Elfes, and Frau Professor Maria-Maria Fassbinder, and about ten bases of operation in Freiburg, Duesseldorf, Hamburg, Munich, Stuttgart, and Konstanz. Wirth has been especially unsuccessful in his main task, namely, the uniting into an interest group of Minister President of Württemberg-Baden Reinhold Maier, former Federal Minister of the Interior Dr. Gustav Heinemann, Chairman of the Center Party Bernhard Weissmann, and BHE Minister Kraft.
- The attempt to establish contact with Heinemann and his new party the Gesamt-Deutsche Volkspartei, was undertaken by Frau Fassbinder. She dealt with Hans Bodensteiner, former CDU member of Parliament who now belongs to Heinemann's Executive Committee. Negotiations broke down because Bodensteiner refused to have anything to do with an organization financed by the East. Bodensteiner did not want to be linked with Wirth in any way.
- Wirth was unable to contact Maier at all, although he is a former political friend of the Württemberg-Baden Minister President. Maier likewise obviously wished to avoid being financed by the East.
- Wirth's attempts to incorporate through Von Weichenau, publisher

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of the Militärpolitisches Forum, a large group of dissatisfied former German officers into the Deutsche Sammlung were the most successful, relatively speaking. However, it is alleged that Reichenau, while valuing donations from the East, considered it inopportune to have Wirth at the head of a Deutsche Sammlung.

6. In early February 1953 Wirth visited Berlin for one week. A grant of further funds was not however discussed, nor did Wirth receive at the time any further direct orders. Circles close to Dr. Lothar Bolz have suggested to the SED Politburo that Wirth be dropped as a recruiter (Werbefigur) in West Germany. They explained in a detailed memorandum that Wirth is in no way in a position to attract the "national circles" in Germany. They furthermore stated that the main opposition to the United States and the incorporation of Germany into the American world is to be found not in the former liberal group but in the national circles. West Germany, they feel, can only be won over by people who represent a "national", not a "liberal" Germany. Leaders of the East NDP are to work out a program and to appoint members for for such a movement. NDP leaders are of the opinion that their program can be implemented before the expected ratification debates in the West German Bundestag.

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